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What is an Angel, Mother?

Wisdom an angel mother, says,
It is not so?
Do sweet ones and unspotted rays,
Whose souls are all of heaven?

Is this the angel's nature?
All nature whispers no!
Then I confess I cannot be
An angel mother now.

Or, can an angel be like me?
What's like the other half?
And can the purest purely come?
Whose I was wont to pray?

I know it is a mother pure, common,
And something far and lofty;
But whether God, or self, or flower,
You know it would please me more.

"I say so, Father ... mother one,
You know it is so, you know it is so;
I pray it so, dear ... Father,
Up to the ranks of heaven."

'Tis done, my child, the angel are,
In those bright realms of mine;
Bonus of pure, unspotted face,
And God's spotless shrine.

Oh, what a place must heaven be,
Where such bright angels dwell!
But can we never go and see?
Dear mother, can I do so?

Never, my child, no death shall come
And set those spirits free;
It then found place, we then may go,
We to may angels be.

GENTLE HAND.

BY. T. S. ARTHUR.

I did not hear the maiden's name; but in my the night I have ever called her "Gentle Hand." Whose magic lay in her touch, it was wonderful.

When and where, it matters not now to relate—once upon a time, as I was passing through a little village, at the close of a very night came down upon me almost unawares. Being on foot, I could not hope to gain the village towards which my steps were directed, until a late hour, and I, therefore, preferred seeking shelter and a night's lodging at the first humble dwelling that presented itself.

Dusky twilight was giving place to deeper shadows, when I found myself in the vicinity of a dwelling, from the small unclaimed windows of which the light shone with a pleasant promise of good cheer and comfort. The house stood within an enclosure, and a short distance from the road along which I was moving with weary feet. Turning aside and passing through an ill-hung gate, I approached a dwelling. Slowly the gate swung on its wooden hinges, and the sound of my footsteps, though not disturb the air quiet I had nearly reached the little porch in which a slender girl, who had noticed my entrance, stood awaiting my arrival.

A deep, dark, answered, almost like an echo the sound of the latch-gate, and sudden as an apparition, the form of an immense dog loomed in the doorway. I was near enough to see the savage aspect of the animal, and the gathering motion of his body, as he prepared to bound forward upon me. His wolfish growl was really fearful. At the instant when he was about to spring, a light hand was laid upon his shaggy back, and a low voice spoken.

"Don't be afraid, Ben, he won't hurt you," said a voice that to me sounded very sweet and musical.

I now came forward, but in some doubt as to the wisdom of my course, for Ben, on whose rough back his master still laid his hand still lay. The dog was not seen by any means reconciled to my approach, and growled wickedly his dissatisfaction.

"Go in, Tiger," said the girl, not in the voice of command, but in one of entreaty, as if she would be obeyed—and, as she spoke she lightly bore up the animal with her hand, and he turned away and disappeared within the dwelling.

"Who's that?" A rough voice asked the question; and now there was looking man took the place in the door.

"Who are you? What's wanted?"—There was something very harsh and forbidding in the way the man spoke. The girl now put her hand upon his arm, and leaned with a gentle pressure against him.

"How far to Gosport?" I asked, not deeming it best to say, in the beginning, that I sought a resting place for the night.

"To G——?" growled the man, but not so fiercely as at first. "It's good six miles from here."

"A long distance; and I am a stranger, and on foot," said I. "If you can make room for me until morning, I will be very thankful."

I saw the girl's hand move quietly up his arm, until it rested on his shoulder, and now she leaned to him still closer.

"Come in, we'll try what can be done for you."

There was a change in the man's voice that made me wonder.

I entered a large room, in which blazed a brisk fire. Before the fire sat two stout lads, who turned upon me their heavy eyes, with no very welcome greeting. A middle aged woman was standing at a table, and two children were amusing themselves with a kitten on the floor.

"A stranger, mother," said the man who had given me so rude a greeting at the door; "and he wants us to let him stay all night."

The woman looked at me doubtingly, for a few moments, and then replied, coldly:

"We don't keep a public house."

"I'm aware of that ma'am," said I; "but might see a stranger in need, and not ... as to ask for a night's lodging."

"We've nothing to spare," was the reply.

"I'm a wanderer, and can ... my wants ... I have money to pay for ... and ... it's no ... asking more ... than ... in return for it."

So much for the first ... and the ... the ... and ... the ... and ... the ... and

bill made by the national government, because, if we do not, we will still have to go for a fugitive slave bill made by the States for a fugitive slave bill made by the States in America. Well, gentlemen, according to my construction, there is nothing of it in the constitution at all. It is a clause wrought by those men who have established this government. Whenever, at the organization of this government, the subject of slavery was brought up, slaveholders themselves, southern men, refused to put into the constitution in terms, but used the word "persons" instead of "slaves." They tell us the reason why they did it. "We will not assume the responsibility of slavery." They refused to use the term on the ground that they would not acknowledge "the right of man to hold property in man."

And now comes the fugitive slave clause itself. If there had been no constitution of the United States, according to the laws of nations, each man escaping from slave territory into free territory, would have been free—freed by the inherent love of right in the hearts of men. A slave escaping from Kentucky into Massachusetts, would have been free, unless there had been a fugitive slave clause.

This is not the place for a constitutional argument. I will glance at the leading points. The power in the constitution over fugitives from service, is not among the powers of Congress. It is one of the powers of the States. With regard to the authentication of records and evidence, which are named in the same article of the constitution, it was admitted that no other power was given Congress over the subject, the States might or might not enforce the recognition. Therefore, express power was given Congress. Power over fugitive slaves, wandering in the same category, was confided to the States also. The fugitive slave law is therefore unconstitutional. But what are the obligations of the States with regard to fugitives from service—slaves? Simply, not to interfere between the master and slave—not to extend over the bondman the power of the sovereignty of the States—protecting him, for instance, by the *posse* and the army and navy of the State of Massachusetts. If the slave escaped, the master might be allowed to come and take him if he could. What else was the true meaning of the fathers, is proved by the fact, that fugitives from justice were "to be returned." In that they took the responsibility. It was proposed to put "fugitives from service" in the same section, so that they too would "be delivered up" not only, but "returned" also. But our fathers said no; we will not become *participe criminis*; we wash our hands of slavery and its crimes. All the States have to do, then, is to protect their citizens by a jury from kidnappers, and when a man is proved a slave, to "deliver him up," and the master may take him—if he can. [Great cheering.]

If a slave escapes into the State of Massachusetts, and Mr. Kephart comes and says, "This is my slave," they will not take him," and neither our sheriff or deputy sheriff shall prevent you from taking him back. But if he knocks you down, it is none of our business. [Great cheering.] I say, the letter and spirit and contemporaneous and explanatory history of the country proves that was the intention of the framers of the constitution—those from the north and the south alike avowing or assenting.

There is in the constitution of the Union but one clause which reaches the consciences of anti-slavery men, where the national government may put down insurrection, and this is a power which belongs *"per se"* to every government, and without which the Union could not have been a government at all. But it would have been granted or implied whether there were slaves or no. And this *one* power is never likely to be called for, but when it is, John Quincy Adams has shown that it will be used for the highest interests of the nation and humanity.

Ostracised at the south, outlawed by the common law of the slave State of Kentucky, as enunciated by the most distinguished men of ever' profession, who declared this subject of slavery not be written about or spoken about in the Commonwealth, I contended simply for what I considered my inalienable right, which they determined I should not exercise. Well, we have succeeded in vindicating our rights in Kentucky. Thank God! it has been shown that a few determined men can, if they stand up fearless in defence of their rights, accomplish much.

In Kentucky, not a week since, in passing through the city of Lexington, I saw upon a large placard, before one of the first bookstores of the place, an advertisement of the "Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin." [Loud applause.] Is this a fact? It is because the great mass of the people of Kentucky were not willing to take the voice of several counties of the Commonwealth, declaring that the subject of slavery should not be discussed. By refusing to vote, they signified, clearly and distinctly, that they were not willing to give up the liberty of speech and of the press, even to maintain slavery in Kentucky. [Cheers.]

This is the reason, gentlemen, why I struggle on. let who will call me a renegade to my State, or traitor to my section, or traducer of the south. If I were disposed to revenge my wrongs, I could do it in a far more effectual manner I could have seen that virgin soil—most bountifully provided by nature—wasted away to its native clay, beneath the withering curse of slave labor; I could have seen the mass of my people, who possess an innate energy and elements of character, which, I flatter myself, are not surpassed by any people on the globe, languish in ignorance, unable to read or write; I could have seen them far behind in the race among men, where the battle is not with the rifle and the musket, but in the workshop of the mechanic and the mill of the manufacturer, and have seen their shipping perish in the dock, for commerce and manufactures go down together; I could have seen that class, as whose representatives I address you to-day, driven away, as thousands have been driven, from the soil of Kentucky. [Hearty applause.]

All this and more I might have seen—and have kept SILENCE; and, if I had been revengeful, my revenge would have been complete. But it is because I think that every man, in whatever portion of the world the Deity has cast his lot, is responsible to the place of his birth,—it is because I love my own native State of Kentucky, that I battle with her in regard to these things, and come here to show you that you have not only the constitutional power, but that you have given you the right to co-operate in making not only us free, but yourselves—that thus this great republic may become the pioneer of the nations to liberty, safety and happiness. [Loud cheers.] Therefore, gentlemen, I am your cause, whether you stand alone or with many; whether with hundreds or with thousands; you know you are doing right, and that victory must at last be yours. Then, ladies and gentlemen of Massachusetts, will liberty and justice, virtue and religion and Christianity prevail in the north and the south, and we trust throughout the world. [Long continued cheers.]

We wish we could give you all the speeches that cheered us on that glorious occasion, but we cannot, and as a substitute, we will present you the two names and the speakers to each, and leave you to imagine the rest, till we come to Mr. Hale's concluding speech, which was almost Webster's in its entire.

The fourth regular toast was as follows:

The "One Idea" of the Free Democracy—Freedom—"One idea" is but the sum of all the principles of human liberty.

Hon. LAWRENCE F. ADAMS responded.

The President then read the following toast:

The memory of the Huguenot confessors of the seventeenth century, and of their representatives of the revolutionary age, Bowdoin, Bodinot Laurens, Jay.

JOHN JAY, Esq., of New York, responded.

Mr. Jay subsequently gave as his toast:—

The Citizens of Marshfield—We recognize in the illustrative of their choice, the true exponent of the constitution.

MR. CLAY, remarking that he had omitted his sentiment, at the close of his speech, said he would present it now:—

The True Union—To Benton, to Bryant, to Seward, to Greeley, to Garrison, to Phillips, to Quincy—the union of the opponents of the propagenda of slavery.

Reiterated cheers, and loud cries for "Mr. Garrison." MR. WM. LLOYD GARRISON responded.

The fifth regular toast was read:—

The Seamen of the America Navy—While they gratefully remember the philanthropy which has encompated them from the torpedo and the taxonomy of the lash, let them not forget those who still remain under its thraldom.

Hon. HORACE MANN responded.

The sixth toast was as follows:—

The Future of the Free Democracy—

In God's own might

We gird us for the coming fight.

We grasp the weapons He has given,

The light and truth and love of Heaven.

Hon. HENRY WILSON responded.

Mr. Wilson gave the following toast:

Salmon P. Chase—The free democracy of New England recognize him as a worthy conquer of their own trusted leader, John P. Hale.

The next regular toast was this:

The Liberty Party—Not dead, but translated.

Rev. JOSHUA LEAVITT responded.

The President announced the following toast:

The Granite State—Her head pillowed on the everlasting mountains, her feet bathed in the ever green ocean:

"Two voices are there; one is of the sea,
One of the mountains, each a mighty voice;
In both from age to age thou dol'st rejoice
They were thy chosen music, liberty."

Hon. AMOS TUCK responded.

The next toast was—

The Ministers of Christianity—Appointed to be the teachers of that great anti-slavery commandment—"Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Rev. JOHN PIERPONT responded.

The next toast was—

Woman—Warm in sympathy and generous in action; left to her native impulses, she can never forget the cause of the slave.

The next toast—

The Key to Uncle Tom's Cabin—A key that fits the wards of Christian hearts; a key that shall yet unlock the prison-house, and let the captive go free.

The next toast was—

The "Unhealthy Organization"—Where is the quarantine that shall stop the spread of its infection?

Hon. EDWARD L. KEYES responded.

The next regular toast was as follows:

The late Robert Rantoul, Jr.—A champion fallen in the thick of the fight. So long as the great struggle of the nineteenth century for freedom and the right is remembered in Massachusetts, his name will be honored in the annals of her people.

The President then introduced HON. ANSON BURLINGAME, whose speech was received with great favor.

The next toast was:

The Buffalo Convention—An epoch in the history of universal liberty.

RICHARD H. DANA, JR., Esq., responded.

Mr. DANA gave the following sentiment:

The Buffalo Platform—In 1848, axioms; in 1850, treason.

Mr. Garrison remarking that he had omitted the sentiment he intended at the close of his remarks, offered the following:

The "dying away" of the anti-slavery cause! In spite of the lying declarations of its enemies, it has never presented so *Hale* an appearance as it does at the present time; and can never die, because it is immortal.

Loud cries for MR. HALE followed, when, after an ineffectual attempt, through the President, to be excused, he responded in the following terms, being greeted, as he rose, with enthusiastic shouts:—

Concluding Speech of Hon. J. P. Hale.

My friends, I am aware, and you are all aware, that we are the creatures of influence, and the subjects of sympathy, and that, as it were, we involuntarily, and without any action of the mind, imitate the sentiments and influences by which we are surrounded.—And I was afraid, when I was called up the second time, that I should furnish in my deficiencies the truth, or the exemplification of the truth, of these remarks; that, having heard so many complimentary things about myself, when I undertook to make a speech, it would be in the same strain! [Laughter.] And I am not certain, my friends, that I should have proved an exception to the general rule, had it not been that for the past six years I have been listening where such speaking is so incessant that your compliments fell upon me without much effect. [Laughter.] So that if my experience has had no other influence upon me, it has prevented me from falling into such an error this evening. [Laughter.]

But, my friends, I cannot, at this late hour, trespass upon your patience. I cannot make a speech, for I have no speech to make. Indeed, it has been my claim—if I ever put any forth—that I was able to make a speech.—[Laughter.] I only *talk*. [Renewed merriment.] I talk what I have to say, and when I have done that, I have been in the habit of sitting down! [Increased merriment.] Now, my friends, I cannot talk on, for my heart is filled with but one idea and one sentiment, and to repeat that, though I might clothe it in somewhat different language the second or third time, I protest might sound tame and trivial. The sentiment of my heart is gratitude, deep and heartfelt; and I am not ashamed to acknowledge it, as you your debtor, every one of you. [Hearty cheers]

My friends, I felt proud of your invitation. [Applause.] Why, some of my political friends might have said—"Well you might." [Applause and laughter.] I confess that my history has not been marked with any very flattering testimonials from those that have been about me—[laughter]—and perhaps in the reason why I prize it the more, and that, in the sincerity of my heart, when I do get it, I am weak enough to believe it is sincere [Cheers.]

When I received your invitation, I was really in very deliberation at it—[cheers] —for the last I expected and was willing —a ride on the cars when they were, as they are by special act, I accept it. [Cheers.] That, my friends, was not the suggestion of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

DOMESTIC NEWS.

A negro woman, belonging to Mrs. E Isaacaster, of Cobb's Neck Charles, Co. Md., died on the 30th ult., at the advanced age of 120 *years.*

LIGHTON SEIZURE.—A few days since, says the Bangor Courier, the city marshal seized two flour barrels on steamboat wharf, having concealed within them packages of liquor stowed away as close as possible to evade the law. He also seized two barrels of strong beer.

A GOOD BEGINNING.—The Bangor Courier says in announcing the purchase of a farm in Kenduskeag by Joseph Dodge, a native of Ireland, that he is the first person of that nation who has ever become a land owner in Penobscot county.

The Courier also announces the purchase of several large farms in Bangor and vicinity by Irishmen.

THE WAY MONEY CHANGES HANDS.—The Bangor Courier says: "Money is a curious thing. It comes and goes, and changes hands in a manner that is sometimes very unaccountable. A few days since a man in this city received a check for $1,000 from a gentleman in Boston, in payment for a lot of wood. He took the check to the bank, got the money, and went home. The next day he had occasion to go to Boston, and he carried the money with him. He paid it to the man who sold him the wood, and returned home. The next day the man who sold him the wood came to this city, and he brought the money with him. He paid it to the man who sold him the wood, and returned to Boston

THE FARMER.

Grafting on the Thorn

BY C. GOODRICH.

I have lately seen an article in your paper recommending the common New England thorn trees, now stocked by the roadside, to be merely gives it as a matter of opinion, rather than experience, it may lead many to try experiments where disappointments are sure to follow.

The whole family of thorns, Mountain Ash, and Shadberry, I believe will *generally* prove worthless for *dwarf* pears; they *may* occasionally succeed, but each one grown will cost the owner more than one dozen good trees on pear stocks.

Some fifteen years since, I procured two or three dozen thorn trees, planted them with care, and the next season grafted with pears: about one-half grew, which had a sickly existence a few years and died.

My next experience was with Shadberry, with no better success. In 1851, I planted 50 Mountain Ash trees—averaging 1 1-2 inches in diameter—and grafted near the ground with some eight varieties of pears. All grew very finely, but in 3 years after they began to appear sickly which so increased, that in 1852 all were dug out and thrown away. I last year purchased the largest Mountain Ash east side of Lake Champlain, some twenty miles from Burlington. Among the stock were twenty thousand pear seedlings and some thousands of grafted trees of all ages and sizes. I received a number of scraggy thorns, and on inquiry the intelligent owner told me he had for ten years tried to raise pear trees on thorn stocks, had tried more than one hundred, but had not succeeded in raising but one tree, which he showed me. This had a fine growth for a thorn, and stood in my garden last spring but it has gone the way of all others.

Our large *nurseries* trees, and grafted in the tops, pears will grow well on the Thorn, Moun tain Ash or Shadberry, for a few years, as once grafted a thorn of this character and the fourth year picked four bushels of pears from it. All large trees of this class in rich soils, are valuable for grafting with the pear—but for "dwarfs," or standards, grafted when young, thorn stocks generally are worse than useless. The Mountain Ash and Shadberry, I think of the same general character as the thorn—but have not seen experiments enough to form an opinion of their value for stocks for pears.

It is said that the pear will graft well on the apple, but "outgrows" it. This is all a mistake. The sap flows freely from the apple to the pear and produces a vigorous growth—but not returning freely, the apple stock is dwarfed. If one wishes to try the experiment he will find, by grafting apples and pears on the same tree, that although the pears at first will outgrow the apples, they soon wither—while apples are grafted will grow four times as fast as those grafted with pears. But few varieties of pears will grow on apple stocks. I have tried many sorts, but never had much success with any except the Bell and Summer Bon Chretien, (Good Christian,) a very irregular scraggy grower, grows as readily on the apple, as pear stocks, and bears well a few years on old trees, or until the limbs on which they are grafted become too much dwarfed.

If any one give any credence to my theory of raising trees on thorn stocks, I shall be glad to see them; but until I see practical demonstration will caution all of depending on the thorn as a stock for pears.—*N. E. Farmer*

Weeds and Weeding.

The remedies proposed for doing away with weeds, are only exceeded in number by weeds themselves—but among the many methods to be adopted with propriety. Some weeds of particular kinds are destroyed by burning a slight coating of litter on the surface of the soil in early spring, and market gardeners so prepare soil for raising garden plants.—Many kinds of the smaller weeds are destroyed by a coating of six bushels of common salt per acre after plowing, and a few days before planting. Some weeds, embracing quite a number of tribes, may be done away with, by two plowings in a few weeks apart, and when the field is intended for late crops, this may readily be done.

Where a neglected corner is so full of weeds, that they cannot be got rid of by ordinary means, then salt the soil so heavily as to destroy all growth, and by losing the use of it for one year, and adding lime with a full plowing, such salted soil will be found clear of weeds the following season and in improved fertility. The chemical agreements of salt (*chlorine and soda*) are not unfriendly to vegetation, and they soon separate in the soil by chemical influences, and thus cease to be salt.

Root and seed crops enable us to get rid of many weeds, when the crops receive proper attention—thus a carrot crop, if properly attended, will secure the removal of weeds. The use of properly constructed cultivators and horse hoes, if used sufficiently often, will save much labor in the removal of weeds, for they will turn out every weed between the rows, leaving those only in the rows to be removed by hand or by the hand-hoe. The cultivator, or *push* or *scuffle* hoe in skillful hands, will do almost save the soil from weeds; if applied to a proper depth in a well disintegrated soil, it cuts off the weeds, and in the back action drawn from the surface, to decay without replanting the roots. Machines have also constructed so as to cut weeds deeply, and to leave the entire weed, root and all, on the surface to decay.

Never leave weeds a few days longer, because they are not going to seed. Large weeds seldom come forth with so much of their roots as smaller ones, and then their increased size robs other plants of their proper food, and their decay on the surface restores all they have taken from it to the soil, for a large part of the nitrogenous portion of their constituents will be lost in the atmosphere. Salt and lime mixture, used in composts, destroys the accidental weed seed which may be existing in their more perfect decomposition. Hog-pen manure will decompose with such violence as to destroy many, and when the divisor used is decomposed muck or charcoal braize, the ammonia is not lost even by so violent a decomposition.—*Working Farmer.*

Dunging in the Hill.

Dunging corn in the hill appears to me an injudicious method of applying manure, even when the quantity is small. It gives to the plant a luxury provided when the manure is rotted, but it often proves of little benefit afterwards; The small fibers of the roots are the mouths of the plants through which the food passes to the stock. If we examine the roots of corn we shall perceive that they extend as far as the spread as the stalks do above. Hence it will be perceived that the dung, if placed in the hill, cannot benefit the roots nor materially the plant, after they have extended beyond the circle where it is deposited. When dung is spread over the land and harrowed well, it benefits them in their whole extent; there probably not being a square foot of ground in the field into which the roots do not in time run in search of food. And for the next crop, it benefits early parts of the soil where the roots have grown. I have tried seed corn in the next crop which is usually wheat in this section, I can see where the rows of corn were, and therefore I think it would be better to spread this manure and plow it in.

If we wish to give corn a luxuriant start, we can scatter some kind of compost to very early. It is stated that peoples of Switzerland, will diminish the quantity of seed one whole peck without the least diminution in any crop.

Ask Jethro Brown. I want to know

(From the Temperance Watchman of 7th ult.)

If gypsum or plaster, saturated in urine, dried, pulverized, and put in with the corn in the hill, would be any benefit, or would it kill the corn?

Last year I used hen manure mixed with plaster, by putting it in with the corn, but found that it hurt the corn, as it did not come up well. This year I intend to make the same mixture, and apply it after the corn is up.—*N. E. Farmer.*

Plants in Rooms.

Should be kept near the light, and not too closely confined. Light is absolutely necessary for flowers to form their proper tissues. In bedrooms, where light and air are restrained in the atmosphere is separated from the lungs and cast out at each expiration. This carbonic acid is noxious both to animal and vegetable life. By resting off the carbon, and retaining the oxygen,—(either by the breathing of the plants or of persons in the room,)—*the air* in the room becomes filled with life-sustaining oxygen. Plants near the east side of Lake Champlain, some twenty miles from Burlington. Among the stock were twenty thousand pear seedlings and some thousands of grafted trees of all ages and sizes. I received a number of scraggy thorns, and on inquiry the intelligent owner told me he had for ten years tried to raise pear trees on thorn stocks, had tried more than one hundred, but had not succeeded in raising but one tree, which he showed me. This had a fine growth for a thorn, and stood in my garden last spring but it has gone the way of all others.

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If gypsum or plaster, saturated in urine, dried, pulverized, and put in with the corn in the hill, would be any benefit, or would it kill the corn?

Last year I used hen manure mixed with plaster, by putting it in with the corn, but found that it hurt the corn, as it did not come up well. This year I intend to make the same mixture, and apply it after the corn is up.—*N. E. Farmer.*

Plants in Rooms.

Should be kept near the light, and not too closely confined. Light is absolutely necessary for flowers to form their proper tissues. In bedrooms, where light and air are restrained in the atmosphere is separated from the lungs and cast out at each expiration. This carbonic acid is noxious both to animal and vegetable life. By resting off the carbon, and retaining the oxygen,—(either by the breathing of the plants or of persons in the room,)—*the air* in the room becomes filled with life-sustaining oxygen. Plants near the east side of Lake Champlain, some twenty miles from Burlington. Among the stock were twenty thousand pear seedlings and some thousands of grafted trees of all ages and sizes. I received a number of scraggy thorns, and on inquiry the intelligent owner told me he had for ten years tried to raise pear trees on thorn stocks, had tried more than one hundred, but had not succeeded in raising but one tree, which he showed me. This had a fine growth for a thorn, and stood in my garden last spring but it has gone the way of all others.

Our large *nurseries* trees, and grafted in the tops, pears will grow well on the Thorn, Mountain Ash or Shadberry, for a few years, as once grafted a thorn of this character and the fourth year picked four bushels of pears from it. All large trees of this class in rich soils, are valuable for grafting with the pear—but for "dwarfs," or standards, grafted when young, thorn stocks generally are worse than useless. The Mountain Ash and Shadberry, I think of the same general character as the thorn—but have not seen experiments enough to form an opinion of their value for stocks for pears.

It is said that the pear will graft well on the apple, but "outgrows" it. This is all a mistake. The sap flows freely from the apple to the pear and produces a vigorous growth—but not returning freely, the apple stock is dwarfed. If one wishes to try the experiment he will find, by grafting apples and pears on the same tree, that although the pears at first will outgrow the apples, they soon wither—while apples are grafted will grow four times as fast as those grafted with pears. But few varieties of pears will grow on apple stocks. I have tried many sorts, but never had much success with any except the Bell and Summer Bon Chretien, (Good Christian,) a very irregular scraggy grower, grows as readily on the apple, as pear stocks, and bears well a few years on old trees, or until the limbs on which they are grafted become too much dwarfed.

If any one give any credence to my theory of raising trees on thorn stocks, I shall be glad to see them; but until I see practical demonstration will caution all of depending on the thorn as a stock for pears.—*N. E. Farmer*

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TEMPERANCE.

The Property Destroyer.

A DIALOGUE IN A GROCERY.

Present—the Grocer, a Clergyman, a Law yer, and a poor rugged drunkard, with a bottle in his hand.

Drunkard.—I say, Mister: I say, here; *(holding out his bottle.)*

Grocer.—What do you want, Joe? I have got nothing for you to day. You had enough yesterday to last you ten days.

Minister.—I hope you don't fill Joe's bottle every day. I was down at his house a few days ago, and such a scene of wretchedness I never witnessed before. No food, but some poor green wood; nothing to eat; children half-starved and crying for bread, and Jo, drunk and asleep. Jo, you ought to be ashamed of yourself to treat your wife and children as you do, and make such a beast of yourself.

Drun.—I say, Mister! (holding out his bottle.)

Gro.—Go home, Joe; I shan't sell you any to-day.

Lawyer.—And I guess not, to morrow.—You may as well roll out your barrels, and knock their heads in; for if you do not, we shall do it for you. We are determined to have the Maine Law.

Gro.—Not in your day, nor mine; and if you should get it, I would shoot the first man that should come into my store and seize my property. I should view it as downright robbery, and I would treat a man who would do it, as I would a pirate on the ocean.

Min.—Hold, neighbor; you don't view it right. Consider, in the first place, you are not bound to keep this species of property.—In the second place, if you keep it and offer to sell it, you are contributing to lay and thirsty, you do it, knowing it will be seized and destroyed.

Gro.—I care nothing about your thrifty, secondly, and thirdly—keep them for your sermons. I tell you I own my property, and I have a right to do with it as I please. I may give or sell it to whom I please, and touch it if you dare.

Law.—(laughing)—I should love to see you carry out your principles. You are a timid dog, and your neighbors, fearing their children may be bitten, combine together and shoot it; and, as they shoot, you shoot, because it is your property. Or you sell licentious books and pictures, and your neighbor comes, sees and burns them, and you go with your gun to shoot him down. I think as he went down, you would be apt to go up —on a gallows.

Gro.—I fancy you care about your reasoning; no man has a right to take another's property without fair remuneration. If he does, he is a thief and a robber, and should have a place for ten years in a State prison.

Drun.—(grinning)—Mister, I say; you speak my mind; you've got it right. Is farm hav'nt you? What did you give for it? Your cursed rum. I say give me back what was mine. You came and took it and sold it was mine. You came and took it and sold it was mine, and burned me off. You know you did.

Min.—Surely, neighbor, out of your own mouth you are condemned. You have been the greatest destroyer of property in all this neighborhood. You have taken away all this poor fellow's land, and he had a very pretty place which he took much pride in, and became here. You have seized it all, and destroyed it for him, and what have you given him in return? You sold Dick Williams rum, and he went drunk, with a cigar in his mouth, and set fire to your barn, and that barn, and burnt it up, full of hay, horses and oxen. You have seized our money to pay the taxes you have imposed upon us, to build poor houses for your poor drunkards, while you make wives and children, to build jails to hold the criminals you have excited to deeds of murder. You and your craft have turned rail trains from their iron path, and thrown them down precipices, wasting and destroying thousands of property, and hundreds of lives. Or, for steamships in the ocean, or stranded them on the coast. Not less than a hundred millions you and your fellows have destroyed in a year. It would take a Maine Law a thousand years to destroy as much property as you and your brother liquor sellers do in ten. And yet you say a destroyer of property is a thief and a villain, and should find his bed in a State prison. My friend, what would be your doom if you had your deserts?

Gro.—I don't like to hear any more of your talk. As long as men want rum, I shall sell it to them; and it is impertinent in you to meddle with my business.

Law.—All right, neighbor, only never open your lips against the Maine Law again as the destroyer of property. Then it appears that what is a curse, and can never be a blessing. Every angel in heaven rejoices when it is poured out, though every devil my ganash his teeth and curse. Rum is the waste and destroy property that is valuable. You destroy business; you cause nettles to grow over the farm you waste, but never replenish food and clothing; you beggar once comfortable and happy families, aye, you destroy health and life and souls of the very image of God in which every of man you quench and blot out, and only fit it for eternal burnings. You go against the Maine Law, because it destroys property and we go against your abominable business, because it destroys property. Do see it Peter.

Drun.—I say Mister, give me my farm.—It is all mine.

Gro.—Gentlemen, I must lock up; (they retire, and he bars his windows.) O, what shall I do with the Maine Law if it comes; It will ruin me, as I have ruined scores and others. I feel sorry for many families around me. I wish I could restore them the property I have taken for rum, of husbands, fathers and sons, who are dead. Shame before God my doing it. But God knows what a life I have lived; what a moth and curse I have been to this community! I only pray, that for destroying others, he will not destroy me and mine.

[Exit]

TIME TO STOP.—Yes, it is time to stop selling rum, when the men's reader keeps a man to the grog-shop his residence over the *passing stones* to the grog-shop below, with a bottle concealed with a cover under the basket. What a commentary is the present [illegible] can be used to [illegible] England

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MISCELLANY.

The Cross and the Crown.

BY FANNY FERN.

Are there no martyrs of whom the world never hears? Are there no victories, save on the battle-field? Are there no triumphs save where men can point to the sword and say, "See you that blood?" Are there no crowns save those which are lifted up, and set up late, and turn with a proud scorn from a *gilded fillet to tinsel tail?* Pass you never in your daily walks, slight forms with calm brows, and mild eyes, whose whole life has been one long, unfaltering struggle? Does no cheek and brow tell you no tale of the spirit's unrest.

The "broad road" is passing fair to look upon. The multitude present is not visible amid its luxurious footings. Its gay trappings and the cheek wrongly: laden with the music of laughter, careless sallies. Youth, and bloom, and beauty are known *silver hairs* are there; and the sparkling eye; the sky of unclouded joy. *What does your broad road lead to?* Why, pursue it coming nearly the thorny, rugged stumbling path? The eye is bright; the hands are round and graceful; the blood flows warm and free; the glowing lips smile softly away from the gilded feast; there are sweet voices come to welcome! *Then is no cross on the road?* Yes; there are *thrilling cries there* to the heedless! *What sings that strain for?*

Ah! *The best points of Calvary's victor are in that "narrow path"!* That youthful head bends low and unshrinkingly to meet its "crown of thorns." The "*Star in the East*," shines far above those rugged heights, on which its fallowest rests.—"To *him that* OVERCOMETH, will I give to eat of the Tree of Life"!

Dear reader, for a *brief day*, the Cross; for *unwonted ages*, the Crown!—*True Flag.*

Singular Incident.

—A correspondent has sent us the following account of a singular occurrence: "Last Saturday, Rev. Mr. Simpson, son of Castleton was invited to preach a funeral sermon in the church of Schodack, N. Y., Mr. Bailey being sick and unable to officiate. While the opening prayer preceding the sermon, a white dove flew into the church and alighted directly on his head. Mr. Stimson appeared a little startled by the arrival of the unexpected visitor, but in a moment he calmly raised his hand and gently removed the bird. It then upon the gallery, but after a few moments it returned and alighted on the Bible between his hands, where it remained until he had concluded his prayer. The dove was then caught by Mr. Stimson and given to the sexton." *Christian Intell gencer, N. Y.*

New Steamboat Chimney and Spark Arrester.

A new kind of Chimney has recently been invented for steamboats, which deserves the attention of navigators on the Ohio. It is designed to answer the requisition of a recent law of Congress, provided that a volume of air and water shall intervene between all hot iron and the wood work of steam-vessels; also to save the passengers on the boats, as boys as have been considered requisite on river boats—a chimney of about half the height of those long chimnies, answering every purpose;—and still further to prevent the blowing of fire from about the deck—a very serious annoyance to passengers and often quite dangerous. The new chimney consists of an inner and outer tube. The inner conveys the smoke and sparks, the latter being arrested by an apparatus at the top; and through the outer tube a constant and strong current of cold air is circulating. This current not only prevents combustion around the chimney, but increases the draught of it, dispensing with the necessity of using blowers, those intolerable nuisances to passengers. and ventilates the boat. The apparatus is self acting.

Prairie Breaker and Seed Sower.

A VALUABLE INVENTION.

Mr. Wm. S. Donman, a citizen of Westwood, Woodford county is the inventor of a machine, a patent for which will be obtained without delay, that is destined to be of incalculable benefit to the farming world. It is a Seed Sower and Prairie Breaker. It successfully accomplishes the double operation of sowing small grain and breaking prairie.—With this machine the farmer can, with three horses, break and sow, 8,250,000 square acres of prairie. The Soil is thoroughly cut up into narrow strips and to any depth required. The operation can be performed in the spring, and oats, spring wheat and other small grain sown, or in the fall or otherwise, as the seed-sowing apparatus can be detached. The machine can be made of suitable size for two three or four horses, and will be sold at prices ranging from $30 to $40.

The invention will be hailed with pleasure, by all who are about making new farms on the prairies. By the use of it the price of prairie breaking is reduced to 75 cents per acre, to say nothing about sowing grain at the same time.—*Peoria Republican.*

A NEW FIRE ANNIHILATOR. An Insurance agent in Troy says, a package of two or three pounds of sulphur, disposed of in such a manner as to be amongst the first things to burn; or at hand, to be thrown in on the fire as soon as it is discovered, before air rushes into the building, will extinguish the fire, as surely as water; and is better than water, when varnishes or resinous gums are burning.

"Oxygen and sulphur have so strong an affinity that in the combustion of sulphur the oxygen of the atmosphere is converted into sulphurous acidgas, at which point fire is arrested.

"I tested this principle and thereby saved my property some years since, on account of which I gave through your columns at the time."

REMEDY FOR THE YELLOW FEVER. A correspondent of the Boston Traveller says, I fell in company with a very intelligent gentleman of a merchant ship, who had made many voyages to the West Indies, and also to the coast of Africa; and he informed me, that as an antidote to the fevers prevailing in those climates, he always took with him a large bottle of finely pulverized charcoal, of which he gave his crew a teaspoonful three times a day in a glass of water, and he never lost a man by the yellow fever, though other ships were sickly and lost men.—Should any one have faith to try this, with good effects, I hope it may be published to the world."—*English paper.*

N. P. Willis, in one of his letters in the Home Journal states, while he was in New Orleans he saw two tables in the bar-room of his hotel, on one of which was spread out a lunch, with terrapin soup, olive s, sandwiches, etc.—On the other, directly opposite, was set out with a dozen pretty and nicely dressed negresses from eighteen to twenty-five years of age, seated upon the top of the table waiting to be sold property at auction.

GUTTA PERCHA. Late inquiries at Singapore respecting the Gutta Percha tree on the straits, streets, and in the vicinity of the settlements of late have been made about its rapid destruction and probable approximate scarcity. It takes ten trees to yield one picul, or 133 1-3 pounds, of solid gutta. The exports between January 1845 and the middle of 1847, 6098 piculs were sent from Singapore to Europe, the vast number of 69,180 trees must have been cut[illegible]

The Legislature of Vermont has passed the Maine Liquor law in opposition to the wishes of a majority of the people. Governor [illegible] Grosvenor is an ardent temperance man, and as they are [illegible]

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